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Committees restructured, Murdoch cries foul

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills council made sweeping changes to the structure of its community advisory committees and boards during a Jan. 27 meeting, to much outcry from its deputy-reeve.

A requirement in the township's bylaws that each committee have two councillors sitting on it was removed and a stipulation that the com-

mittees, which have traditionally been chaired by members of the public, be chaired by councillors was added.

"All I'm hearing is it's being more and more council-driven," Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said. "It's never been control [by council] from beginning to end."

"First of all, it's not about control," Reid said. "The change is not about correcting the past. It's not about fixing anything . . . it's innovating, so that's the difference."

Murdoch asked if the changes meant councillors, rather than citizens, would be drawing up the agendas for committee meetings. Reid said, yes.

Councillor Lisa Schell wanted to know why council was changing a system that had always seemed to prove effective in the past.

"Why do we need to regulate to death?" she asked.

Reid responded that times had changed and

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Bowlathon brings in big
Affordable housing group Places for People got overwhelming support from the community Saturday as they brought in big bucks in exchange for bowling shoes. "Three flights of bowlers, 91 in all, had an excellent time at the Fast Lane on Jan. 29 raising a net (after expenses) total of \$3,685," president of the board Fay Martin wrote to supporters on Monday. Barb Slote, who won the 50/50 draw, donated her half of the pot back to the organization. Places for People owns one house in Haliburton and hopes to purchase another property to turn into affordable rental housing.

Heaven requests funding for water festival

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Irene Heaven, coordinator of the annual Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival, was in county council chambers on Jan. 6 asking them to help fund the popular festival for another year.

Held each fall at the Kinark Outdoor Centre outside Carnarvon, the festival introduces intermediate students from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board to everything to do with water and water source protection through a series of workshop stations that mesh fun and education.

"It gives the children a real positive experience," Heaven said, adding that it provides them with knowledge they can

carry with them not just through the year's curriculum, but into their adult lives as well.

Since its inception in 2005, the county has been a major sponsor, last year contributing \$5,000 towards the two-day event.

As he has in the past, Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey expressed concern that while school children from the City of Kawartha Lakes and Muskoka District attend the festival, neither of those municipalities contribute any money to the event.

Heaven told Fearrey she has been lobbying those governments to contribute.

"My reputation has been known as a gentle thorn," she said, adding that she hopes she is making progress.

Fearrey suggested that if the county was going to be the only government to provide funding, then perhaps the festival should welcome Haliburton County students only.

Of the more than 800 students who attended the festival last year, less than 200 were from the county.

Heaven showed councillors a short video by Highland Media Arts with clips of last year's festival. One of the final clips showed former Algonquin Highlands reeve Eleanor Harrison saying she thought the water festival was the best \$5,000 the county spent each year.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch spoke up, saying she agreed with the sentiment Harrison had expressed in the video.

The festival has a budget of approximately \$65,000, incorporating cash funding and in-kind support.

The county is one of the festival's top funding bodies along with Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning, which last year contributed more than \$6,000 and TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, which contributed \$5,600. Numerous other clubs, organizations, businesses and individuals give cash donations that make the festival possible.

Council will consider Heaven's request in its budget deliberations.



Angelica Blenich Times staff

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid presents Ken Casey, this year's recipient of the Good Neighbour Award, with a plaque to be hung in the Minden township office.

A newly established initiative, the award recognizes an individual that has made an outstanding contribution to their community through committing good deeds.

New award recognizes neighbourly behaviour

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Editor's note: We are reprinting this article from last week after part of the text was omitted due to a technical error. The Times apologizes for the inconvenience.

For Ken Casey, it's a beautiful day in the neighbourhood.

Minden Hills township recognized Casey on Jan. 25 as the inaugural recipient of the Good Neighbour Award.

The initiative seeks to recognize a permanent or seasonal resident of Minden Hills who has done good deeds as a neighbour.

Casey was selected among six other nominees by a committee comprised of a cross-section of the community, chaired by Rick Ratcliff.

According to Ratcliff, Casey was selected for continuously going out of his way to assist his neighbours, particularly seasonal residents, in any way he can.

According to organizers, criteria for the award included someone with a good-natured, outgoing personality who finds a way to make another person's day more enjoyable, someone who goes well out of his or her way to assist those in need and someone who rallies the community together.

To recognize his efforts, Casey was given an individual plaque along with the honour of having his name inscribed on a plaque that will be displayed at the township office.

Casey was also presented with a \$200 voucher redeemable for goods or services within Minden, however Casey donated the funds to the Minden Hills fire department.

According to fire chief Doug Schell the donation will be put into the department's special equipment fund.

The award was made possible thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor who hopes to make the award an annual event.

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Jim Blake, a consultant with the Haliburton County Development Corporation, gives councillors an update on the corporation's creative economy project during the county's municipal day at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on Jan. 31.

Bringing creative economy to Haliburton County

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Embracing the creative economy will not only increase Haliburton County's population but its overall wealth as well, Jim Blake says.

Blake, a consultant with the Haliburton County Development Corporation who is heading up the corporation's creative economy project, spoke to county politicians and their senior staffers at municipal day at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on Jan. 31.

The creative economy – a phrase popularized by American economist Richard Florida – can refer to any number of businesses that rely on new ideas and concepts.

"This isn't about the arts ... this is about innovation and creativity," Blake said, adding that many people seem to simply think of the arts when they hear the term.

Blake used Haliburton Forest as a prime example of a creative economy business for the unique approach it has taken to the forestry industry.

The corporation's creative economy branch will soon have a web presence and will rely heavily on social media to spread the message that Haliburton County is the perfect location for the creative entrepreneur.

"Really, the social media, that's how we're going to get in touch with them," Blake said.

Most county residents who leave the area do so between the ages of 18 and 24, largely to seek education, and the idea, at least in part, is to bring some of those young, educated people back to the county.

Blake will also be stressing how perfect a place the county is to do business in the creative economy to its 45,000 seasonal residents, many of who already have such businesses in more urban areas.

"How can we get them to start thinking about spending

more time here?" he asked. "They can choose to live wherever they want to."

Many creative economy businesses are run largely over the Internet.

Blake used the example of a county resident who creates conference displays who did work for Russia during the last Olympic games.

"Place really matters," he said, emphasizing the county's natural beauty is its greatest asset in attracting creative entrepreneurs to the area. "People love this place."

With its expanding broadband capabilities, Blake said he's trying to let people know they can set up sophisticated, international businesses in Haliburton County, "and have a view of the lake."

The fact the county has a strong educational system, including a French immersion program, also works to its advantage.

Blake told a story of an Ottawa couple who run a bilingual business and recently moved to the area, in part because of affordable property values, but in part because they want their children to have a bilingual education.

A good portion of the county's economy – some 34 per cent – is already comprised by businesses that could fall under the creative economy banner.

That is second only to the more than 40 per cent of jobs in the service sector.

The corporation already has a creative business incubator – which provides affordable space and mentorship – set up in the old Haliburton library building.

Corporation general manager Andy Campbell, who's been in his position since the corporation's inception in 1986, gave a general overview and update of the corporation's activities.

To date, it has given out more than \$47,000,000 in thousands of loans to local businesses. The corporation is funded by the federal government.

Danielsen's mileage costs subject to council scrutiny

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County councillors voted to amend their mileage payment policy at their Jan. 26 council meeting.

While councillors are paid mileage from their place of residence to and from the locations of meetings, an amendment was made to the policy to stipulate how payment would work for councillors who may reside outside of the county.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, elected in the township's November byelection, lives in Hastings County.

The change, which came forward as a recommendation from the personnel committee, means councillors who live outside the county will be reimbursed for mileage beginning at the municipal office closest to their home.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said she thought it would be fairer if councillors residing outside the county were paid mileage from a municipal office within the township they represent.

"It affects my deputy and I appreciate that," Moffatt said, adding it was about fairness and not personalities.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge both said they thought the recommendation that was put forward was a nice compromise.

Moffatt didn't think council would be talking about compromise if no one on council were directly affected.

"I'm not sure that's right," said Moffatt, who voted against the motion.

Councillors are paid 40 cents a kilometre in mileage.

The amendment means Danielsen will get paid mileage starting from the municipal office in Wilberforce, approximately 58 kilometres from the county office in Minden.

The Algonquin Highlands municipal office on North Shore Road is approximately 21 kilometres from the county office.

In financial terms, the difference, per round trip, is approximately \$30.

Councillors also voted to increase their per diem for attending committee meetings, from \$50 to \$60 per meeting not exceeding two hours.

Councillors can collect \$100 for committee meetings exceeding two hours.

Moffatt asked why the increase was made.

Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey told Moffatt that even with the increase, the county's per diem rates were well below those of other municipalities in the province.

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8	Andrew McGill	765.5
9	Melissa White	757
10	Larry Southgate	743
11	Ian Kemp	738
12	Maie Arike	731.5
13	Martin Schuster	729.5
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New chairs for Minden emergency room

The Minden Health Care Auxiliary recently purchased 10 cushioned chairs with armrests to go in the waiting area at the Minden emergency room. The old chairs had no armrests and were attached to rails. Pictured from left are auxiliary members Anne Maher, Val DuManoir, John Fortune, vice president Judith McNeilage and Bonnie Ryall.

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'We're fixing things that aren't broken'

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that volunteers now require police background checks, for example.

"I don't think we're trying to fix problems," she said. "I'm not aware of any problems."

"We're fixing things that aren't broken," Schell said, adding there would be a perception among the public that council was in complete control of the committees.

Councillor Jean Neville said if the change was not about power, then she didn't understand why it was being made.

"I don't understand why this is an issue at all," Neville said.

"It's not an issue . . . it's an opportunity," Reid responded.

Councillor Brigitte Gall thought having councillors as chairpersons would make communication between the committees and council easier, since it's the councillors who act as liaisons anyway.

"That removes a wall or barrier between that committee and council," Gall said.

Murdoch noted that councillors were discussing the merits of having councillors as committee chairpersons before that decision had even been made by council.

"I have a problem with assumptions and changing existing procedural bylaws," Murdoch said.

"I think that's a point well taken," Reid answered.

Having the committees chaired by members of council she said was logical since it's the councillors on those committees who are the liaisons with council anyway.

Dropping the two councillor rule was done because there are more committees than there used to be, Reid said.

There are, however, two committees with two councillors on them.

Both of those committees - the planning and development committee and the protective services committee - are chaired by Murdoch.

Councillor-at-large Larry Clarke is also on the planning and development committee and Councillor Ken Redpath is sitting on the committee for protective services.

Councillor Lisa Schell asked why this was.

Reid said Clarke had been assigned to planning and development committee because its purview overlapped with economic development and that Redpath, who chairs the finance committee, was put on protective services because "it's very capital-intensive."

Schell countered by saying roads is the most capital-intensive department and wondered why a second councillor hadn't been assigned to help Redpath with that committee.

"They spend more, but it's pretty predictable," Reid said.

There are also plans to draw up general



I don't think we're trying to fix problems. I'm not aware of any problems.

— *Reeve Barb Reid*



Why do we need to regulate to death?

— *Councillor Lisa Schell*



I have a problem with assumptions and changing existing procedural bylaws.

— *Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch*

terms of reference for the advisory committee, whose terms of reference in the past have been drawn up by the committees themselves.

Murdoch also took issue with this.

"I guess historically, somehow, the committees have always figured them out," Murdoch said.

General terms of reference and what interim CAO John Rogers called a "code of conduct" for committee members will be discussed at the February committee-of-the-whole meeting.

As far the committee lists themselves, they were approved with slight changes from the lists that had been read at the Jan. 13 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

The lists follow this story.

Murdoch moved to have discussion on the lists referred to closed session.

"My problem is I haven't had time to look at some of these individuals," she said. "I can't hold carte blanche for this."

The motion to go to closed was voted down.

Reid said there'd been plenty of opportunity for councillors to meet with prospective committee members.

"Today, we are voting on this list as it stands," she said.

Schell said if discussion on the lists was

going to be moved to closed, she wanted former councillors Rick Ratcliff and Peter Oyler added to committees for which they had applied.

Reid said additional committee members would be discussed at next month's committee of the whole meeting.

Murdoch called the meeting a snowballing.

"No one is trying to snowball anyone," Reid said.

Reid, Clarke, Redpath and Gall - who comprised Reid's Vision 2010 Team slate campaign - voted for the changes surrounding committee structure while Murdoch, Schell and Neville voted against them.

Council made other operational changes, including moving its closed sessions to the beginning of public meetings, holding additional council meetings through the summer months and will be moving towards putting its agenda online in advance of meetings, as is already done by the county as well as Algonquin Highlands.

Council also voted to adopt Bourinot's Rules of Order, the Canadian counterpart to widely used Robert's Rules of Order.

During last week's meeting, Reid also addressed the early and unpublicized swearing-in ceremony that was held for the new council on Dec. 1.

"I know there's been discussion in the press about why there was an emergency inauguration," Reid said, explaining that the decision was made since former council's mandate, like all other councils in the province, officially expired on Nov. 30 and since the township was without a chief administrative officer at the time.

"There was no emergency," Murdoch told the room.

The county's other townships held their inaugurations on different dates throughout December.

Planning and Development - Cheryl Murdoch - Chair, Walter Reed, Jeanne Anthon, Gary Stoner, Abby Xerri, Shirley Jones, Kate Hall, Larry Clarke

Protective Services - Cheryl Murdoch - Chair, Bill Obee, Audrey Burke, Murray King, Ron Nesbitt, Ed Litwin, Doug O'Dell, Ken Redpath

Committee of Adjustment - Richard (Dick) Shell - likely Chair, Walter Reed, Mar-

ilynne Lesperance, John McQuat - Alternate

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Solid Waste Management - Lisa Schell - Chair, Walter Reed, Doug Aldworth, Barry Thompson, Bill Robinson, Abby Xerri, Rick Ratcliff, Jay Garbutt*, *Resource person but not a committee member

Economic Development Committee - Larry Clarke - Chair, David Rae, Alan Scriven, Andy Campbell, John Sloan, Peter Robinson, Brian Barker, Nick Lawrence, Bob Smith, David Bradley

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Irondale Community Centre - Chair TBD, Jeff Hancock, Anne Marie Hancock, Barry Simmons, Lochlin Community Centre - Chair TBD, Jane Leavis, Rick Ratcliff, Paula Reid, Linda Schrader, Leitha Grexton, Susan Little, Helen Burke, John Legemaate, Rennie Legemaate, Skye Smith

Gelert Community Centre - Chair TBD, Harold Harvie, Emily Harvie, Terry Lynn Carr, Gala Newell, Bruce Shephard, Rae Shephard, Sarah Reid

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The slate lives

"AS OF TONIGHT, the Vision Team doesn't exist anymore." Those were the words of Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid on the night of her electoral victory in October.

However, what transpired in Minden Hills council chambers last week would suggest that there is a block mentality dominating council.

In a sweeping move last Thursday, the four council members who comprised the Vision 2010 Team substantially altered the structure of the township's community advisory committees, ruling that councillors rather than members of the public would now chair the committees.

This means the agendas for those committee meetings will be drawn up by the very same councillors who will be reporting the committees' activities back to council.

This setup seems to render any real, critical public input virtually superfluous.

Community advisory groups are no longer being run by the community; they are being run by council.

The decision, opposed by the three remaining members of council, has decreased the degree to which Minden Hills citizens can have input on how their local government is run.

Reid called the new structure innovative.

I call it regression.

Any move that takes any power, no

matter how perceptibly small, out of the hands of the people is a step backwards on the democratic pathway.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch called the meeting a snowballing, but Reid said this was not the case.

And she's right.

It was definitely more of a steamrolling.

Valid points and appeals by Murdoch, the veteran politician of the new council, had little visible effect on and received little verbal response from the members of what was the Vision 2010 Team, save and except the chairperson.

During last year's election campaign, a number of citizens expressed concern that if all four of its members were elected, the Vision 2010 Team would simply rule council with an unwavering iron fist; that they would be nothing more than four heads with one brain. These people were assured again and again the slate would not act as block and that its members were four, independently minded individuals.

Last week's monolithic move to expand council's purview sure doesn't make it seem like this is the case.

The four members of the slate campaign also voted to remove a stipulation that two councillors sit on each committee, which, in itself, is a whole other editorial.

The slate doesn't exist anymore?

Right.

And I can out-skate Matt Duchene.



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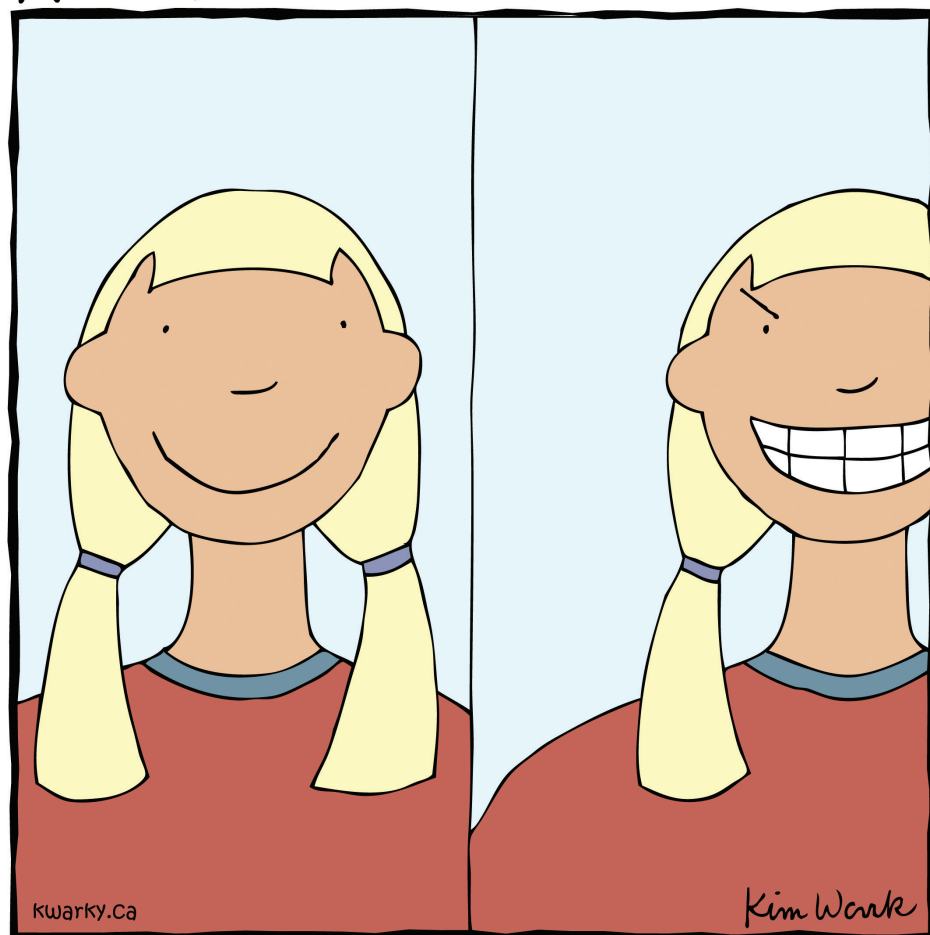
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letters to the editor

Give them a chance

To the Editor,

All volunteers past and present need to be commended in Minden Hills. I'm also a volunteer and have in the past stepped down from a committee to allow someone to replace me with fresh and new ideas.

Perhaps Minden Hills committee volunteers should have a term of service. Serving on a committee should not be a lifetime experience.

On another subject, in Minden Hills we have our own attack ads for free in the form of letters to the editor.

Could there be a secret agenda? This Minden Hills council, elected by the people, has only been in office to two months. Naysayers, give them a chance.

All this negativity directed towards council does not serve as positive energy within the Minden Hills community.

Hilary Brown
Moore Falls

Reeve explains committees

To the Editor,

Thank you to the community members who wrote letters to the editor in the past couple of weeks. We are fortunate to have two community newspapers to provide a vital link between municipal government and the community. I am interested in your views and believe we are fortunate to live in a democratic country where the exchange of views, both positive and negative, is not only permitted, but encouraged. Our system is all about the ability and right to respectfully disagree without penalty.

Consistent with the practice by previous councils of Minden Hills, the reeve names the committees of council along with the committee chairs and the members of the personnel committee. It's one of the few decisions the reeve, as head of council, makes. The personnel committee reviews the applications for advisory committees of council, puts together a recommended list and presents that list to

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points of view

Just hanging around

AS I WRITE THIS, it is the first of February. That means tomorrow is Groundhog Day. This is, as we all know, an important event where we throw aside science and meteorology in favour of a more precise method of weather prediction – mostly based upon whether or not a furry, captive rodent sees its shadow.

That's great, but the problem with Groundhog Day is that it overshadows today, which is Working Naked Day. This is a day that hopes to promote fun in the workplace.

If you haven't yet heard of it, that's OK. It only started last year in the U.S. and was originally intended for people like me, who work primarily from a home office. It was not meant for beekeepers, guard dog trainers, muskie researchers or anyone who works extensively with scissors, dry ice, steam, live voltage, gears, cactus plants or rose bushes.

The thought was that, for just one day a year, home office workers could lounge around in our underwear or even completely naked while typing or making business phone calls.

This might come as a surprise, but as someone who has worked from a home office for the last 12 years, I am completely unsupportive of the concept. All it does is perpetuate unfair stereotypes about those of us who work from home. Heck, if this catches on, everyone will believe that we wear underwear.

I can assure you that this is not the case. I'm not wearing any now and I won't be wearing any tomorrow. This is one of the primary messages that we in the home office sector have been trying hard to communicate.

I've got nothing against underwear, but this is a tough market and you have to cut costs somewhere. It was either that or buying a cheaper brand of coffee. Underwear was the clear choice.

Let's be honest. If someone visits your home office and you are not wearing any underwear, they'll never know, provided you don't step out from behind your desk. But serve them bad coffee just once and they'll never come back.

Besides, underwear is not and has never been essential to the home workplace. In fact, not wearing any is one of the great perks of my job.

It's all about efficiency. We in the home office sector simply can't afford to waste precious minutes picking out the right underwear to go with our gar-

ters and corsages.

I'm pretty sure I can speak for my colleagues on this one.

Even so, I could be wrong. You see each of us works in a bubble, oblivious to what our colleagues are doing. Just because I spend most of my working hours surfing the Internet for further signs of alien life doesn't mean that others do.

We're all doing very different things. Some manage multi-million dollar accounts, others provide graphic design solutions and there are those who simply write columns just like this, only a lot better. But the one thing I'm pretty sure we have in common is a lack of underwear. It's time you knew that.

So take the time and get to know your local home office worker. We're not bad people, we do good work, and, you know, we serve great coffee.

TheOutdoorLife@aol.com



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

The soundtrack of winter

WINTER GRABS Sapsucker Ridge with both hands and wrings all of the sound and colour out of it and The Brown Dog Jiggs and I take our morning walks through a landscape as quiet as a silent movie.

On sunlit December days, the movie might be one of Bergman's, bare tree trunks in shades of black and gray laying their shadows on a stark white canvas.

A great silence settles over the woods in early winter until each chickadee twitter seems to have an exclamation mark. The popping of a frost-riven tree trunk is a gunshot in the night.

Twenty below on the old thermometer and you might cut the cold into loaves and store it somewhere for August. Your breath hangs in the moonshine.

Upon a midnight clear, beneath a canopy all speckled with stars, no flashlight is required.

Nights so still you can hear an 18-wheeler gear down for the stoplight way out on the highway, a couple of miles away. Air brakes wheeze and sigh in the stillness.

Quiet. A frigid night and next morning even Davey's Brook is silenced. Jiggs

stops for a look at a fresh trail on the little creek's icy lid. The snow makes a note of an otter's passing.

Morning sounds. Ravens cry out a warning. Chickadees chirp at the feeder. A pileated woodpecker with a sense of humour laughs at January. Perfect country days.

And then one day, a week-end or so ago, there comes a tipping point in this low-snow winter. Layers of white so thin that snowshoes were an affectation accumulate and weave a blanket deep enough to bring 21st century noise into the silence.

The Brown Dog woofs with alarm at the first snow machines that roar past our laneway. A platoon of Arctic Cats stops out on the road and debates its options.

Turn right here, just across from the laneway, and after a while you'll be in the middle of nowhere, instead of just on the edge of it. Straight ahead, and you're at Bob Lake, where you can ride round and round in circles in a Saturday jubilee.

Jiggs sits at the top of the laneway, listens to a map fold and unfold, listens

to voices invade what he thinks is his territory. Woof, he remarks, and then the engines roar to life and the snow machines are gone.

A couple brings their machine through my gate, make a left and then a right until they're almost up to the top of the laneway, almost to where I hold Jiggs by the collar.

Almost to the back of my pickup, the only thing between them and my woodshed. A little to their right, wood smoke curls out of my cabin's chimney. Can this be the way to the lake?

Weekdays might be silent except for some young fellows tumbled off the school bus onto their snow machines in time for a pre-dusk ramble, or a fellow and his gal, out for a moonlight spin.

But on weekend afternoons, there are engines, engines everywhere, the roar of the ice racers at the Fairgrounds two miles away sometimes drowning out the snow machines.

At the top of the laneway, Jiggs sits listening, astounded at the uproar that has come to entertain him. There goes another one, he barks.

Somewhere out there, skiers must be gliding soundlessly and snowshoers breaking forest trails, filling the air with their crunching and their huffing.

The man next door puts on his snowshoes, ropes himself to a toboggan-load of goods and sets out for his pondside retreat, a half-mile's stroll in brilliant sunshine.

That's one kind of quiet, but nothing to compare to the silence that must surround a solitary ice fisherman, watching over a round hole, waiting for dinner to bob his bobber. Waiting. There is something almost Zen-like in his patience.

That is one kind of ice fishing, an escape to solitude. If you crave human company, there are whole Scarboroughs of ice huts cluttering other lakes and bays.

Back home at Sapsucker Ridge on a silent night, Jiggs and I do our regular bed check, tuck our road in for the night. All is calm. All is bright.

A collection of Neil Campbell's columns, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.

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Neil Campbell
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letters

Democracy eroding in Minden Hills

To the Editor,

A case for local democracy.

I am not comfortable writing this letter to the editor. I like to enjoy the views and thoughts of people differing from mine, am enriched by the diversity of the world we live in, and have learned that education, wealth, professionalism and good intentions do not lead to good decision-making for a community. Only the community together – voicing differences and listening to each other – can inform good decision-making.

And there must be the trust of good intent – not self interest. This is not what is happening as the Minden Hills “Vision Team” leaves the starting gate for four years of governance. The so-called town hall and “open” council meetings are useless gestures without the opportunity for meaningful input to the governing and decision-making process.

Looking around at recent local – and world events – it does not take long to realize how fragile democratic gains can be under regimes that are more focused on their own objectives than they are on the participation of the communities they represent. The events in Egypt today, the compromise of civil rights of the citizens during the G7 Summit in Toronto, and the recent actions of our local Municipal government demonstrate how fragile basic democracy can be

if not stood up for when threatened. Without an informed commitment to participatory democracy, divides between wealth and poverty, housed and homeless, elected and common citizens, urban and rural, or cottagers and year round residents widen.

It appears that the use of divisiveness to achieve political power only serves to fuel the fires of controversy and silence differences, eroding the democratic process by intimidating or silencing opposition, or skillfully out manoeuvring members of our community with objectives differing from the Vision Team.

By silencing community members, and discouraging those trying to exercise their opinion – basic democracy is threatened and the divide among a community is widened. It is first easier to ignore the erosion of local democracy, than to acknowledge there is a real problem with the governing body that leaves a sickening feeling.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is a provincial governing body that sets forth requirements for the governance of towns and cities. Articles of incorporation, bylaws, policies and regulations guide municipal governing bodies. These guiding documents are the basis for process and decision-making for democratic governance. Minden Hills bylaws and policies are the key to ensuring democratic principals are pro-

tected and members of the community have a say beyond the “one-vote-one-person” process which now takes place every four years in Minden Hills. Elected officials are required to provide leadership based on present bylaws and policies – if and when change is required then the proper procedures should be followed to change the bylaws, policies or regulations before acting outside governing legislations.

Adding to these troubling concerns is the obvious lack of knowledge current Minden Hills council appears to demonstrate regarding existing municipal policies, procedures and bylaws – not to mention the basic respect for the knowledge and integrity of those who are not part of the Vision Team. Council meetings are to be run according to Robert’s Rules of Order that inform good discussion, and participation for decision-

making. Council meetings are not for documenting weak rationale for poor decision-making and procedures that took place outside of the meetings. Council as a whole must be respected, allowed to engage in discussion – not just vote. That is required for democratic participation on council.

There is so much more to say as a result of my observations at the last two meetings of our new council and discussions with discouraged and silenced community members. It is so hard to believe – I wish I could just pretend I’m an ostrich – and put my head in the sand.

But that would mean one more person is being silenced.

Pam Sayne
Minden

Change can be challenging

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council. Council then votes on that list.

The week after the election, starting Nov. 1, I met or had a telephone conversation with each member of the council-elect and asked them to chair a specific advisory committee. I shared with them the plan to advertise for these committees in the newspaper and on the municipal website. I also asked them to make sure any interested community members were aware of the Jan. 4 deadline.

The municipal office received several calls Jan. 3 and 4 from people who had been away and wanted to apply. On the advice of the clerk, the application deadline was extended to Jan. 10.

Prior to Jan. 10, I had a number of conversations both in person and over the telephone with most members of council about the various applicants and their backgrounds. At any time during the process, members of council

had access to not only the applications file from the clerk, but to the reeve and personnel committee as well. The personnel committee met Jan. 11 and 12 and finalized the recommended list, which was shared with council via email on the afternoon of Jan. 12. The recommended list was discussed at the Jan. 13 committee of the whole and then passed by a majority of council at the Jan. 27 council meeting.

The majority of your new council was elected with a mandate for change. Economic development and community engagement are two new priorities for council and as a result, we have several new advisory committees and many new committee members. Innovation and improvement come from new ideas. The desire to innovate and change is not based on criticism of the past – rather it is based on the need to move forward. We are grateful to all who served the municipality on council and committees of council in the past. The lessons learned from your contributions serve as the foundation upon which progress will be built.

Understandably, change is challenging for some people – change means “different,” “unknown,” “risky.” Some interpret change as a criticism of the status quo; others embrace change as the way forward towards improving our community for the benefit of all. Over the next four years, we hope you’ll see many positive changes in Minden Hills, particularly in the areas of economic development, financial management and community engagement.

Your council will be assisted by our very capable municipal staff and over 80 volunteer community members on our committees of council. We had our first town hall meeting Jan. 15 and these will be held regularly so we can hear from you and keep you informed and up to date on changes and progress.

In the meantime, we welcome your input and hope that criticism is made in a way that is constructive and benefits the whole community. We hope you join in and support those of us who want to bring change and exciting improvements for the people of Minden Hills.

Barb Reid
Reeve, Minden Hills



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TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT THREEBROOKS ESTATES INC.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 5 on the 27th day of January, 2011, by By-law 11-10, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

Location of Subject Lands

The proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments apply to 4.9 hectares of land located in part of Lot 5, Concession 13 in the geographic Township of Snowdon. The lands are located at 87A Hamilton Rd. between Hamilton Road and South Lake and were formerly occupied by the Silver Birches Resort.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment

The subject property is currently designated Waterfront in the Official Plan and zoned Shoreline Residential Exception Thirty-Five – Holding (SR-35)(H) in Zoning By-law No. 06-10 of the Township of Minden Hills. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to amend Schedule 'A5' of the Official Plan, redesignating the subject property as a Waterfront Special Area to permit the development of a Plan of Residential Condominium for a maximum of twelve units together with accessory uses. The amendment also adds a new Section, Section 6.2.6.15 which provides special provisions for the Threebrooks Estates property on South Lake. The special provisions recognise that a standard plan of condominium consisting of twelve (12) units (single detached seasonal dwellings) shall be permitted on the subject lands, together with common elements, which encompasses water and sewage treatment facilities, a maintenance building, internal road and open space area, including a watercourse."

Additional Applications

The applicant has filed an application for approval of a Plan of Residential Condominium with the County of Haliburton and intends to convert the existing site from an interval ownership commercial resort to a cottage development based on condominium ownership.

At their meeting on December 9, 2010, Council passed By-law 10-84 to change the zoning on the subject lands from the Recreation Commercial C3-16 Zone to Shoreline Residential SR-35 Zone to recognize the residential nature of the Plan of Condominium. The applicant has also filed an application for Consent with the County (H-129/10).

Approval Authority

The County of Haliburton is the approval authority for Official Plan Amendment No. 5. Any person or public body is entitled to receive notice of the decision of the County of Haliburton if a written request to be notified of the decision is submitted to: County of Haliburton, P.O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, KOM 2K0

Information

Additional information relating to the proposed applications is available to the public for inspection at the Municipality of Minden Hills Planning Department during normal office hours.

Date of this Notice: January 27th, 2011

(Ms.) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST

Planning Administrator

Township of Minden Hills, P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario KOM 2K0

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Feb 6th 7pm : No Public Skating Scotty Morrison Tournament

Feb 10th 10am : Committee of the Whole

Feb 22nd 7pm : Public Meeting

Feb 24th 10am : Council Meeting



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS WILL HOLD BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/GENERAL COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2011 AT 11:00 A.M. THE DRAFT BUDGET WILL BE POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE ON OR BEFORE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2011. A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7 MILNE STREET, MINDEN. THE MEETING IS BEING HELD TO REVIEW & HEAR PUBLIC INPUT CONCERNING:

- A) TARIFF OF FEES & CHARGES PROPOSED FOR 2011
- B) 2011 BUDGET

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS WILL CONSIDER BY-LAWS FOR THE PROPOSED 2011 TARIFF OF FEES & CHARGES AND 2011 BUDGET AT THE FEBRUARY 24TH, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING.

For further information please visit: www.mindenhills.ca; or contact
Lorrie Blanchard, Treasurer (705) 286-1260 ext. 204;
lblanchard@mindenhills.ca or Cheryl McCarroll, Clerk
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NOTICE CHANGE IN COUNCIL MEETING TIMES

Pursuant to the Township's Procedural by-law, notice is hereby given that the Open portion of all Committee of the Whole/General Council Meetings and all Regular Council Meetings will now start at 10:00 a.m.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact:

Cheryl McCarroll, Clerk
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cmccarroll@mindenhills.ca

TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS NOTICE OF LIFTING OF HOLDING ('H') SYMBOL

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application for the lifting of the Holding ('H') symbol attached to the Shoreline Residential Exception Twenty-Six (SR-26-H) Zone. The Holding ('H') symbol will be lifted during regular Council session on **Thursday, February, 24th 2011 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Council Chambers at the Minden Hills Municipal Office (7 Milne St., Minden Village) under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

Location of Subject Lands

The lifting of the 'H' applies to lands located in part of Lot 14, Concession 14 in the geographic Township of Lutterworth. The lands are located on Little Bob Lake at 1158 Learners Lane with access to Deep Bay Road. The total area of the subject lands is approximately 0.2 hectares (0.4 acres).

This property was the subject of a previous zoning by-law amendment. The amendment rezoned the property to the Shoreline Residential Exception Twenty-Six (SR-26) to recognize existing lot deficiencies.

Fulfillment of Conditions

As per By-law 09-98, the holding (H) symbol affecting the subject lands will be lifted upon the fulfillment of the following conditions:

- i) The kitchen is removed from the future sleeping cabin; and,
- ii) The shoreline allowance is purchased from the Township of Minden Hills, as per Section 4.1.9 of the Zoning By-law.

The Township of Minden Hills has confirmed that the applicant has fulfilled the above conditions.

Additional Applications

There are no additional applications regarding the subject lands.

Additional Information

Additional information relating to the proposed lifting of a Holding ('H') symbol is available for inspection at the Township office in Minden during regular office hours.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 2nd day of February, 2011.

Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST, Planning Administrator

Planning Department

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Kevin Hill, Road Superintendent

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Haliburton County news

Board members stripped of voting power

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the meeting of Haliburton Highlands Health Services board Jan. 27.

A new stipulation in a provincial bylaw has taken away certain board members' voting power, including CEO Paul Rosebush and other staff members.

The change is a result of bylaw regulations that came into effect Jan. 1. One of the regulations stipulates that chief nursing officer for HHHS Debbie Watson attend board meetings.

Another requirement, said Rosebush, is that certain members of the board will no longer have voting privileges from this month forward. Those members include Watson, Rosebush and physicians Dr. Steve Ferracuti and Dr. Norm Bottom.

"Bylaw changes will be drafted over the next few months for approval at our AGM this June," said Rosebush.

Current members of the board voiced concern with the changes to the voting structure, prompting board chairman Dale Robinson to suggest the board send a letter appealing the decision.

"Do you know what the background and the reasoning is to why they decided you can't vote at board meetings?" asked board member Hugh Nichol.

According to Rosebush, there was no documentation outlining the reasoning behind the decision.

"My correspondence from the Ontario Medical Association is they're certainly not happy with this and feel that it's a step backwards having physicians not having any power on the boards and they're certainly lobbying the government to overturn the decision on that point of legislation," said Dr. Bottom.

"Well I think that anybody who sits on the board should have a vote," said Nichol.

According to Rosebush the Ontario Hospital Association unsuccessfully lobbied against the change before it was passed.

A motion to send a letter in support of restoring voting privileges to staff members was brought forth and unanimously passed.

Geothermal project delayed due to weather

The shovels will have to wait a little while longer before they can hit the ground and begin the geothermal heating project at the Haliburton Hospital due to some early cold weather.

Set to begin this past December, according to Rosebush, the project couldn't get started due to Grass Lake already being frozen. The Minden project site, however, will commence next month, said Rosebush.

Rosebush informed the board that a staff information meeting was held on Jan. 26 in conjunction with Ecosystem outlining specifics of the project.

Finance committee applauds hospital CEO

Board member Hugh Nichol had high praise for Rosebush and his team for their efforts to cut back non-wage related costs from the budget.

During his financial report Nichol informed the board that the HHHS was currently operating a \$15-million yearly budget, of which 75 per cent is comprised of wages and benefits.

During the past year, said Nichol, Rosebush has successfully eliminated \$200,000 in non-wage expenses, compared to the prior year.

"This is the second year Paul and his team have been able to do that," said Nichol. "In two years Paul and the management team have been able to take out \$400,000 in non-wage expenses. So Mr. Chairman I think this board and this community owe Paul, the management team and all of the staff a huge thank-you because if that \$400,000 hadn't been taken out we would be sitting here having discussions about the service cuts."



Farewell to Fielding

The HHHSF board wished a fond farewell and thank you to former board member and treasurer Marg Fielding, who was with the board for seven years in Minden last week. Pictured, seated, are Peter Oyler, Don Popple, Lisa Tompkins, Jan McMaster, and standing, HHHSF executive director Dale Walker, Dave Coulson, OPP Constable Mike Landry, Jim Mitchell, Hugh Nichol, Marilynne Robinson, John Bauman and Steve Todd.

Chad Ingram Times staff

Air ambulance move may affect transportation times

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Plans to relocate Southern Ontario's Ornge transport medicine centre from Toronto to Hamilton may affect local health services by adding a few extra minutes to helicopter delivery times.

In October 2010, Ornge, the provider of transport medicine services for Ontario, announced it will be moving its services from its current location on Toronto Island to the Hamilton International Airport effective 2011.

The proposed facility would continue to service those living in Southern Ontario, including Haliburton County.

The decision to move the air ambulance had EMS workers from the surrounding region concerned about delivery times and affected health services.

According to Paul Rosebush, CEO of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, the move will only slightly alter ambulance delivery times, but will provide a more reliable service.

"We've been on conference calls with EMS and the Ornge providers just exploring the rationale behind the move and I think generally we're satisfied with their explanation," said Rosebush. "We've been told it will increase travel time at most by nine minutes."

The air ambulance base is moving to Hamilton because Toronto is no longer providing an

optimal site, with no possibility for future expansion or enhancement of services, according to reports released by Ornge.

"The location does not meet the practical requirements of an air base that transports critically ill patients where time is a critical factor because 24/7 access to the island is a constant issue," said Tom Lepine, chief operating officer for Ornge Ontario in an official statement. "Weather is a frequent issue at the Toronto Island Airport, which, from time-to-time, impacts our ability to launch. Most importantly the Toronto Island Airport does not afford Ornge the most cost-efficient and sustainable solution for the long term."

According to Rosebush air ambulance services provided out of Toronto were often weather dependent, negatively impacting those living in the county.

"The upside of this is that whenever there's a call they're actually going to be able to get out of that airport because in Toronto Island the problem right now for them, as we understand it, is that they can get weather blockages so that they can't fly, making them unable to leave the area. It does interrupt service to Haliburton County and when they do that it means they have to try and send ground transport up which takes longer," said Rosebush. "So our understanding is we're going to get a more reliable, accessible emergency transport service. In my mind that's a rea-

sonable trade-off if we get more reliable service."

Upon deciding to move its services elsewhere, Ornge completed a review of possible alternatives and evaluated various criteria including runway length, weather reporting, runway visual range, winter maintenance and fuel availability, among other things.

Based on these criteria, the Hamilton International Airport proved to be the most suitable alternative location.

According to Ornge, the move will result in an insignificant impact on response times, which will be offset by new helicopters that are faster than the current fleet.

According to a recent article from the *Lindsay Post*, EMS personnel from the City of Kawartha Lakes met with the Eastern Ontario EMS chiefs on Jan. 20 in the hopes of making a case to the province that the move to Hamilton made no geographical sense, instead lobbying for a move to Peterborough County.

There is already an existing Ornge air ambulance base in London and one in Ottawa.

The new facility will be the second Ornge Transport Medicine Centre of Excellence in Ontario, the first residing in Thunder Bay.

An exact date for when the new facility will be open has not yet been determined with services continuing to operate from the current Toronto base in the interim.

Funding announced to eliminate drinking water threats

Jenn Watt
Editor

The sewage system in Lutterworth Pines and the waste disposal site in Minden both pose potential threats to the safety of the two areas' water supplies, according to report findings of the Trent Conservation Coalition.

Through the years-long process of identifying risks to watersheds and then managing or eliminating them, the coalition of conservation authorities has picked out drinking water threats and issues to be addressed.

To begin the process, Minister of the Environment John Wilkinson announced more than \$230,000 is available to landowners, businesses and municipalities for projects within the region, which includes Minden Hills.

"A number of studies were undertaken to assess drinking water systems ... and identify threats," said Brent Kulba, communications specialist for Kawartha Conservation, which takes care of this region of the Trent coalition.

In Minden, studies found that there were "a total of seven significant drinking water threats" on six parcels of land.

Five of them had to do with the handling and storage of fuel, one with the waste disposal site and one with the handling and storage of an organic solvent.

At Lutterworth Pines, the sewage system and handling and storage of fuel were both highlighted as threats.

For confidentiality reasons, locations of the land aren't released to the public, but the coalition has been in touch with the owners of the land.

At this point, eliminating the threats isn't mandatory.

"Under this phase of the program, it's voluntary. When it comes to the source protection plan we'll know more about that," Kulba said of a future step in the government's plan.

The province's Clean Water Act governs two parallel programs designed to find and remove potential threats to source water: the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (which is providing the recently announced funding) and Drinking Water Source Protection (which is doing the studies).

Although the money will be used to combat threats in the

watershed, Kulba said his group still isn't sure which projects will be getting money.

"Since the funding was just recently announced, we're still working out the details of it," he said, noting that the committee would be dealing with specifics.

Applications for money will be available at the end of March.

Eliminating threats to water systems is just one way to keep drinking water safe.

"This program is part of a larger program that uses a multi-barrier approach to protecting drinking water. This is the first barrier in that whole process [protecting drinking water sources]. There are other mechanisms in place to make sure drinking water is safe," Kulba said.

Crash on bridge

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

At approximately 2:30 p.m. a woman was crossing the Bobcaygeon Road bridge towards the downtown core when she saw a silver car pulling out from Water Street. The woman said the car looked like it was going to make a U-turn, then tried to stop and then crashed into her vehicle. She heard the driver of the car had meant to hit the brake, but hit the gas instead. The vehicles crashed into an SUV parked outside the Crowne Gallery. Gallery owner Marc Shroetter said the crash sounded like billiard balls.

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Haliburton County Outdoors

by Steve Galea

Try on some big feet

A lot of us remember when snowshoeing was the domain of trappers and other outdoors types. Back then you wore snowshoes for practical reasons – to check a trap line or to return home after your snowmobile broke down.

The classic wood and rawhide models were synonymous with backcountry winter travel. And, as such, they carried an aura of romance and rugged independence.

Over the last few years, however, snowshoes have been reinvented. Now made of metal with tougher webbing, they're lighter, smaller and easier to use. And these advancements have led to the rise of recreational snowshoeing.

That's a good thing.

There's nothing like snowshoeing on a sunny winter's day to help beat the winter blahs. The serene beauty of a snow-covered landscape is hard to describe. Break a trail off the beaten path and you'll soon be immersed in a countryside that hasn't been visited since winter's onset.

And while using modern snowshoes is relatively easy, it still helps if you understand a few basics.

First, if in a group, take turns at trail

breaking. That means allowing one person to lead while everyone else follows on his or her track. Then, alternate. This allows everyone to share the load.

Here in Haliburton, hills and slopes are the norm. Fortunately, modern snowshoes, with their attached crampons, make short work of these, gripping much better than the ones your dad wore.

A good pair of ski poles also helps. They aid your leg muscles by allowing you to use upper body strength. They're also useful when checking snow depth or probing for where a creek bank or snow-covered log ends.

When ascending, the herringbone method helps. Basically, step uphill with your snowshoes pointed about 45 degrees apart. Each small step is planted firmly in front of the other. Lean into the hill, using your poles for balance and support.

A more aggressive way of climbing steeper slopes involves kicking the toes of your snowshoes into the snow, ideally right to the boot. Then, step down hard so that you pack a step. Once your footing is secure, repeat the process with the other foot, step up, and do it again. Once again,

share the load with your poles.

Perhaps the easiest way is to zigzag up a slope. This reduces fatigue because, instead of ascending, say 40 feet in 40 steps, you ascend that height in perhaps 160 steps because of the longer zigzag route. It's slower but easier on your muscles as it reduces the angle of ascent.

Descending a hill is much the same, but in reverse. There's no great trick to it other than choosing a reasonable route.

Water crossings

One cardinal safety rule, when crossing frozen water, is to always undo your snowshoe harnesses. This allows you to kick off snowshoes quickly should you break through. A better plan is to avoid questionable ice altogether, however. That means steer wide of creeks, rivers, small ponds, beaver lodges or any moving water. Ice on them is, at worst, dangerous and, at best, unpredictable.

Be prepared

Be prepared for the best and worst a winter's day can offer. Dress light enough so that you don't overheat when moving, but heavy enough to keep warm when you take a break. Sunglasses are advisable since sunlight off the snow is hard on unprotected eyes. Pack along high-energy snacks too, if you're going to be out for long.



Snowshoes can help stamp out winter blahs.

Steve Galea photo

Though we generally retrace our tracks, I always carry a GPS or compass. Winter is no time to get lost.

Snowshoeing keeps you fit, in touch with nature, and more appreciative of winter. Get into it, and you'll almost be sad to see spring.

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Minden Rotary sees the big picture

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Rotary Club of Minden is proving cooperation is the key to any great initiative.

Minden's \$800 (U.S.) contribution for a Rotary Club of Haliburton international project half a world away will help close to 1,500 people see.

Two eye clinics in India (located south of Calcutta are Vivekananda Mission Asram and Vidyasagar Eye Care) are getting the benefit of this cooperation and will be the beneficiaries of \$24,825 (U.S.)

This is made possible because of the club's partnership on the project that enables the process of matching grants when contributions from the district and international level of Rotary are added to the initial local club amount.

As a result, there will be approximately 1450 eye operations performed for cataracts, which affects all ages because of nutrient-deficient diet, related to poverty, and will not only restore vision for people, but enable them to contribute to their community.

Club president Dennis Casey said it was the right thing for his club to lend its support to.

Rotary clubs always work together so when Haliburton Rotary Club asked them for a contribution it made sense because of the matching grants program offered by Rotary International he said.

At the local level Haliburton contributed \$2,500 (U.S.) while the Rotary Club of Belur, India contributed \$100 (U.S.)

"Maybe in several years when there is a project

we're working on, Haliburton will lend us help," Casey said.

The Rotary Club of Haliburton president Richard van Nood reiterated his cross-town counterpart's sentiment.

"Rotary is a family. Clubs work together all the time and you might find yourself working with a club in Peterborough ... when you know the people there you're able to work closely with them for projects like this. It's great to have the communication that we've done so if they come up with a project than we can step in and help them," he said.

He said the Minden club, which enabled the maximum contribution from Rotary International, was willing to give more but didn't need to because of the matching grant process.

The international partner in this endeavour is the Rotary Club of Belur, which is a suburb of Calcutta, India.

Minden and Haliburton regularly work together and cooperate on such local events such as Rotary Radio Day.

The eye operations cost approximately \$17 (U.S.), which includes medicine and bandages, and are expected to be performed over the next 12 months.

Doctors work for free.

A couple of years ago Haliburton made a contribution of \$2,000, which grew to \$20,000 because of the matching grants program. It helped to pay for 828 eye operations in a one-year period.

The idea for the funding came from Haliburton Rotary Club member John Beachli, who suffered an ear infection and required medical attention during a trip to South Asia in 2005. When the doc-

tor did not accept his money Beachli offered enough money for two cataract surgeries to the doctor.

He returned to Haliburton where the club agreed a project was neces-

sary.

Haliburton Rotarian George Kadoke has been instrumental in the project since the start.

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Sticks and stones, no broken bones

Steve Robson
Special to the *Times*

The annual Sticks and Stones bonspiel took place at the Minden Curling Club on Jan. 25. Sixteen teams, from nine curling clubs from across Ontario joined teams from the Minden Curling Club to compete in this unique bonspiel. Curlers use specially designed sticks to deliver the rock in contrast with the traditional curling delivery.

At the end of the competition the team from Beaverton emerged as the top team and were presented with the Hudson-Henderson Insurance Trophy. The Beaverton team included Skip Bob Forsythe, Bill Duguerre, Mark Thompson and Paul Kinly.

Hudson-Henderson Insurance took on the sponsorship of this bonspiel this year, making a long term commitment to curling in the Minden area.



Steve Robson, club president, presents Paul Kinly (lead), Mark Thompson (second), Margaret Reiss (sponsor rep.), Bill Duguerre (vice) and Bob Forsythe (skip) with their trophy. /Photo submitted



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• **Bereavement Group:** Minden United Church offers help to anyone who has suffered a recent loss and feels overwhelmed or helpless and alone. If this is you or if you know someone in need of help please call Donna at 286-1237 or Nancy at 286-1305.

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• **Ladies Night at the Dorset Recreational Center.** Ladies, join in for an evening of fun at this new monthly activity (to take place the 1st Wednesday of the month) The inaugural Ladies Night starting at 7pm on January 5 has a theme of "Spa Night". The cost is \$5 per person and all ladies are welcome. Call the Rec Center to sign up.

• **February 3: LIFT, Ladies In Fellowship Together** is hosting speaker Heather Fountain with music by Nancy Picard, also featuring Bonnie Thompson, in-print at the Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton from 7:30-9:30 p.m. for more information please contact Julia at 705-286-4943

• **February 4: Highland Lakes Community Church Bread for Life Dinner:** will be held the first Friday of every month (beginning Feb. 4) at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Doors open at 12:00 lunch served from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Share a free hot meal and good conversation with your neighbors. Everyone Welcome. For more information contact 705-286-0700 or Web: highlandlakesccc.weebly.com

• **February 5: Haliburton County Snowmobile Association Poker Run:** Registration 9:00 a.m. Starting and finishing at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall 1123 North Shore Rd, Algonquin Highlands. Top B Trail North of Carnarvon. \$40.00 (Poker hand/BBQ/draw) \$30.00 extra hand. \$5.00 lunch only. Hands must be drawn before 4 p.m. Top 5 hands win a prize BBQ included. Free draws included. For more information contact 705-457-4263 or check out the website at www.hcsa.on.ca or Email snowmobile@hcsa.on.ca

• **February 7, 2011 CLIMBING CLUB** Come out and try our Drop-In Indoor Rock Climbing! The Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents CLIMBING CLUB will take place at Camp Medeba Monday evenings Feb. 7, 14, 28, March 7, 21 April 4, and 11th. Families' 6:30 to 8:00 pm - children and parents climb together. Youths and Adults 8:00 to 9:00 pm. Cost \$2.00 per person. For more information call Donna at Point in Time at 457-5345 ext. 314 or email donna@pointintime.ca

• **February 9: Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** Meeting at Stanhope Community Centre Northshore Rd. Come and hear Joanne Miezner talk about Shiva Oils & what you can do on fabric. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Sharon @ 705-286-1531

• **February 9 : Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group** invites you to visit the historic immigration quarantine centre on Grosse Ile. Ellie MacNeil takes us through the Irish Memorial National Historic Site where thousands of Irish Immigrants were housed in 1847-48. This free meeting will be held at the Minden Legion, 12847 Hwy #35, across from County Rd 21. Doors open at 6pm. Bring & Win Raffle and refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information please contact Gail Leach-Wunker 705-286-2225.

• **February 9, MINDEN:** Meet the Nurse, Wednesday, February 9, 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd in Sears Building) in Minden. Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse. The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call

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• **February 10th MEET AND GREET GOODERHAM** - from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Gooderham Community Centre Come and bring your children and meet the staff from Point in Time. There will be fun activities for the children and a time for parents to have a break and ask questions. Fun Food Activities! Please contact Dawn Hurd at 705-457-5345 Ext. 311 to register.

• **February 12 Dorset Poker Rally held at Lions Camp Dorset** Pre-registration Friday: 7 to 9 p.m. Registration Saturday: 9 to 11 a.m. 300 riders w/ OFSC trail permits. Poker Hands \$30.00 \$50.00 worth of pledges allows you to ride free, pledge forms available at Lions Camp Dorset or online at (www.tallpines.org) or (www.lionscampdorset.on.ca). Hands dealt until 4 p.m. Dinner at 4:30 Prizes at 6:30 for further information contact Charmaine 705-766-9263 or Helen 705-766-2662

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• **February 17, HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse,** 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton. Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse. The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.

• **February 18 Children's Learning Centre 4th Annual Hockey Fundraiser-** Located at the Minden Arena at 7:00 p.m. The Chicks with Sticks vs The Haliburton Highlands O.P.P Admission: Adult \$5.00 Children 5+ \$3.00 preschoolers FREE. We will have lots of raffle items available! Come join the fun! For more information, please call us at 705-286-4074

• **February 23rd 1:30 p.m. The Haliburton County Historical Society Presents:** Bill Beattie & Julia Roberston Topic: "Stories my Grandparents told me" located at the Maple Lake United Church, Stanhope Airport Rd. & Highway. 118

• **March 1: GriefShare:** starting from 7:30-9PM for 13 weeks at Lakeside Baptist Church, Park Street, Haliburton. This group is sponsored by people who know what you are experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this difficult time. For further information contact Susan Bain 705-457-2570 or Pat and Doug Hardy 705-286-3635.

• **April 28: CFUW Card Party** at the Haliburton Curling Club at 12:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00/person which includes lunch and door prizes. Cash bar available. All card and game players are welcome. All proceeds to the CFUW Scholarship Fund. Contact Linda at 705 457-2064 for tickets.

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It sure is cold outside as I write this. You always know how wicked cold it is when the dogs don't stay out long. It's out and back in super fast speed!

As we go into the days of February I am filled with hope for an early spring. This winter has flown by pretty fast and as winters go this has been so easy.

This is my third season working at Sir Sam's Ski Hill and being amongst people and having something to do during the winter has helped me with the "cabin fever" syndrome.

Mind you, I didn't have much to write about this week and it might seem like the ramblings of a crazed mind suffering from cabin fever.

The only thing about being away for full days is leaving Bella and Cosmo alone. Bella is not the problem. It's her son. Cosmo is going through his toddler stage and into everything. He has given our home that lived in look. Cosmo has given us a larger, more spacious living room. Who needed that loveseat anyways?

Cosmo has made me realize that I am not a

materialistic person. How can I be?

When I do reprimand him, his mom talks to me in that "don't talk to my son that way" dog lingo that I have gotten to know rather well. Bella talks too much.

It's foolish to think spring since they are calling for a storm tomorrow, depends which weather station you listen to. I prefer the one that down-plays it or I don't look it up at all. Sometimes it better to not know the scary details. Yes, I'm the one that crawls home when the roads are bad.

Tomorrow I am supposed to go to Toronto for one of my trade shows.

This is the day that I look forward to all winter long, a preview of new and hot ideas and the deep dreaded feeling that this is going to cost me big. There are similarities between my passion for food since my eyes are bigger than my stomach and my store isn't as large as Sears warehouse.

Pre-booking orders for spring is always tough but it's something I really enjoy. I will worry about where to put things later!

Okay, Wednesday is Groundhog Day; will he come out dressed in a Parka and snowshoes? Hope not!

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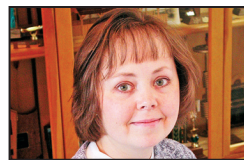
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Many of you know local resident Jim Arbuckle and his long struggle with multiple sclerosis. There is very positive news to share. Jim is on a waiting list for CCSVI treatment in Rhode Island. This is the treatment for MS that you may have heard about discovered by a doctor in Italy. The treatment is currently not available in Canada and Canadians with MS have been travelling to other countries to receive it.

Jim's family is trying to raise the money to cover the cost of the treatment and expenses to travel to the States, which are estimated at \$10,000. In order to help with these expenses, fundraising events are being planned. The first is a Trivia Night on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Dorset Seniors Club on Highway 117. Teams of six are needed and the cost is \$10 per person.

On Saturday, March 19 there will be a spaghetti dinner at the Dorset Recreation Centre from 5 to 7 p.m. with proceeds to Jim's treatment.

Another option if you are unable to attend these events but would like to help is a donation directly to a bank account set up at Scotia Bank, transit # 65276 account #06846 86. Jim and his family, Sharon, Rebecca and Thomas thank you very much for your support!

The deadline was met by the skin of our teeth. In spite of a set back and a week of work lost for reasons beyond control, the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival brochure made it to the printer on time.

Look for your 21st annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival brochure coming soon to your mailbox. Brochures will also be available at the recreation centre - give a call before you make a special trip to make sure they are in and don't forget to dial 705 first! The number is 705-766-9968.

Snowball organizers are still looking for help so if you want to shrug off those winter blues and be involved in the most fun activity of the year, come on out to the Carnival meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. You could also drop in or give the recreation centre a call and pick an activity to help at.

Some areas where there are openings are: the souvenir table for a one or two hour stint throughout the day on Saturday, Feb. 19, a stint with the mini snowmobile ride activity to help keep the little riders on track and help with clean up at the end of the day, to name a few.

Snowball kicks off on Friday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. with a family skating party. KJ Chris will be providing music (and taking requests) and promises a spectacular light show. The Dorset recreation committee will be out in full force serving hot dogs and hot chocolate. Donations to help cover costs and support Snowball will be greatly appreciated.

Saturday's events are too many to list but be assured all the traditional activities plus some new and exciting ones will be taking place - all well worth the cost of a \$3 Snowball Button available at; Avery Audio, Dorset Garage, Dorset Post Office, Fiery Grill, Robinson's General Store, Zach-

ary's, LCBO, Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset township Office, Tower Hill Marine, Dorset TimBr-Mart and Mountain Trout House Marina.

The Lions Camp Dorset and Tall Pines Snowmobile Club Dorset Poker Rally is taking place on Saturday, Feb. 12. For more information, check out their website at www.tallpines.org or call Charmaine at 705-766-9263 or Helen at 705-766-2662.

Birthday wishes for the weeks of Jan. 23 to Feb. 5 go out to Bill Ellerington Jr., Nathan Jones, Joy Moon, Kassie Wright, Mitchell Webb, Mark Kearhey and Ryan Flynn. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



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requires a
TREASURER

The Township of Algonquin Highlands with a permanent population of 2,000 and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000 is known within Central Ontario as an area of natural beauty where residents enjoy a rural lifestyle second to none.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Treasurer. Reporting to the C.A.O., and as a member of the Senior Management Team, the Treasurer will perform the statutory duties of Treasurer as set forth in applicable provincial legislation. In this position, you will be responsible for the following:

- Supervision of three full-time staff in tax collection, accounts payable/receivable, and payroll.
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- Maintain asset inventory in compliance with PSAB.
- Preparation of required financial statements and reports to Council and Senior Staff.
- Coordinate all audit requirements.
- Human Resources and payroll functions including benefit administration.
- Oversee insurance plans and risk management issues.
- Computer software maintenance and back-up systems.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- A related post secondary education or university degree with an accounting designation, or a related mix of education and experience.
- Municipal finance courses. Significant demonstrated management experience and understanding of local government finance, municipal financial planning, financial information systems, municipal financial reporting, taxation experience, budgetary processes, and supervisory experience.
- Excellent interpersonal, financial, project/time management, organizational, analytical, communication, presentation, staff leadership and supervisory skills.
- Advanced computer skills including thorough knowledge of accounting software, spreadsheet and data base management (USTI municipal software experience an asset)

Salary Range : \$81,539 - \$91,772 subject to meeting all qualifications

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit your resume in confidence by 4:00 p.m. on

February 18, 2011 to:

Angie Bird, C.A.O.

Township of Algonquin Highlands

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"Thank you for the opportunity to enroll in TIOW! My skills are now up to date, I have gained a new level of confidence and I am feeling excited about future work experiences." - Dani Stahle

"The experience made me realize my potential, how to present it to a potential employer, and utilize my strengths and values in my search for a new career." - Ted Cumber

I'm still sharing the good news about TIOW whenever I get the chance. It really opened up to me/for me, the possibility of opportunity right here in Haliburton county. It's my belief that the older worker in Haliburton tries to prepare themselves for being unemployed, under-employed and to deal with the hopelessness of that situation. TIOW created a "support group" feeling for me. And feeling supported is essential for moving on, to new endeavors like going back to school/continuing education or training. The "tools" we needed were made available to us. I hope to see in the future that it will expand to include the other age groups. The program is very much needed in Haliburton County and will be needed for some years to come.

Thanx to everyone involved.

Your most ardent cheerleader,
Brenda



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Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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While not sure of the proper spelling here at the old farmhouse on Sunday morning there truly was an Oprah "a-ha" moment all due to Betty Crocker's Bisquick. Normally baking is a kitchen rarity but at our Kinmount United Church the monthly Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers post service luncheon was on and this is a great cause. The tennis ball size cheddar cheese muffins emerged golden brown from the oven and into a wicker serving basket covered with a fresh checkered tea towel. In a scene straight from Country Living magazine Bruce headed off to the Flex basket in hand a little reminiscent of Red Riding Hood starting out through the forest. This time however it was for grandmas in a far off land struggling to raise chil-

dren orphaned by a different predator, AIDS, I waited by the phone and good friend Ria did not disappoint calling to say how well the surprise muffins were received.

In this area I know of other groups in Fenelon Falls, Minden and Haliburton working in support of this cause with funding channeled through the Stephen Lewis Foundation. There may be others as well.

At last week's community meeting the feedback from our Apsley neighbours on the first impressions exchange was received. The volunteers from Apsley paid an anonymous visit to Kinmount on Wednesday, Aug. 25 near the end of the economically important tourist season. While top marks went to our flower baskets, new public washrooms, natural setting, post office, attractive signage and the Artisans Marketplace there were other items identified which should be addressed before the arrival of this summer's visitors. Speaking of the Artisans Marketplace it will re-open after the January closure for upgrades this Friday, February 4th continuing on its regular winter weekend schedule of Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. weather permitting. Call ahead to 705-488-1414 before heading out if driving conditions are difficult. Remember shopping is tax free.

Kinmount Arena is home to a new event in addition to public skating on Friday and Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Kin-

mount Knights hockey on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. Now you can also strap on the blades for a game of shinny on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. This winter's weather has been great for maintaining the natural ice surface at the Arena with more cold on the way. Thanks to all the volunteers who make these programs possible for our community.

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group invites everyone to its next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 9 to "visit" the historic immigration quarantine centre on Grosse Isle where Ellie MacNeil will guide you through the Irish Memorial National Historic Site home to thousands of Irish immigrants in 1847-48. This free meeting will be held at the Minden Legion, 12847 Hwy. 35, with doors opening at 6 p.m. There will also be the regular bring-and-win raffle feature and refreshments will be available. For more information on this event or on the group itself please call Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.

Looking for a way to celebrate Valentine's Day? The Kinmount Legion Branch 441 invites you to its Valentine's Dance on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. featuring a return engagement of the popular Canadian Gypsy Band. The admission price of \$5 which includes a light lunch and spot/door prizes is a real bargain. For more information give Tracy a call at 705-488-2810 and also enquire about the many other ongoing activities at the branch.

Festivities at this year's popular Kinmount Winterfest kick off on Sunday morning Feb. 13 with a delicious pancake breakfast being served at the community centre from 8 to 11 a.m. Then it's off to the arena and fairgrounds for a fun filled day of family activities including the down-hill dash, snow angel decorating, chili cook off, skating (helmets mandatory under 16 years), hockey game and skills. There will also be displays of ice sculpturing by Minden's Mike Muli and wood carving by Omeme based Gerald Guenkel. For more details visit www.kinmount.ca and the latest issue of the *Kinmount Gazette*.

The monthly book sale by the Friends of the Kinmount Library will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the branch. The after school craft program, suitable for all ages, will be on Tuesday, Feb. 15 starting at 5 p.m. In addition to the regular computer instruction sessions now being offered there will also be computer workshops for children during the March school break. For more information on the many activities at the library please call MaryAnne at 705-488-3199.

Until next week...



Township of Algonquin Highlands requires a CLERK - PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR

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The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Clerk-Planning Administrator. Reporting to the C.A.O., and as a member of the Senior Management Team, the Clerk-Planning Administrator will perform a wide variety of functions including the statutory and advisory duties of Clerk as set forth in applicable provincial legislation.

This position is also responsible for the coordination of all land use planning issues and requires a sound knowledge of the legislative framework, principles and best practices related to land-use planning together with excellent analytical, problem solving, interpersonal, reporting writing and presentation skills.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Five years experience in a municipal management position.
- A related post secondary education or community college diploma in public administration, local government, planning or related discipline, or a related mix of education and experience.
- Municipal administration courses.
- Working knowledge of the *Municipal Act*, *Planning Act*, *Elections Act*, *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and other legislation related to municipal governance.
- Significant demonstrated management experience and understanding of local government, municipal administration and land use planning.
- Excellent interpersonal, project/time management, organizational, analytical, communication and presentation skills.
- Strong computer skills.

Salary Range : \$59,342.89 - \$66,790.95 (under review)

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit your resume in confidence by **4:00 p.m. on February 18th, 2011** to:

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8	9	2	6	3	1	5	4	7
1	7	4	9	5	8	3	2	6
3	6	5	7	2	4	9	1	8
9	2	1	3	8	7	4	6	5
6	4	3	2	9	5	8	7	1
7	5	8	4	1	6	2	3	9
4	8	9	1	7	3	6	5	2
5	3	7	8	6	2	1	9	4
2	1	6	5	4	9	7	8	3

Request for Expression of Interest Sustainable Renovations - 2011 Project

Fleming College is seeking expressions of interest from organizations or individuals interested in partnering with the 2011 **Sustainable Renovations Program** in the renovation of a building.

The Sustainable Renovations program partners with the owners of existing buildings to undertake an extensive renovation project, with the aim of dramatically improving the energy efficiency, occupant health, comfort, beauty and value of the building.

In order to best meet the needs of both the class and the client, the following criteria have been established to allow potential clients to determine their compatibility with the program and for the college to judge suitability of the project.

- Although private projects will be considered, priority will be given to projects for not-for-profit agencies or public institutions, or to projects that are otherwise open to the public.
- The building must be fully owned by the client, or written approvals from the mortgage holder must be obtained prior to entering into an agreement with the program.
- The building owner must demonstrate the financial ability to undertake the project. The building owner will cover the costs for all consultant fees, permits, construction materials and trades required for the project, as per the budget agreed to by the program and the owner.
- Building owners should demonstrate an interest in sustainable building, and be willing to agree to the use of natural, recycled and locally-sourced materials; major insulation and energy efficiency retrofits; renewable energy system(s); healthy water and waste systems and non-toxic finishes, even where these choices may result in higher initial costs for the project.
- Building owners should be willing to allow the program to have creative input into the selection of materials and finishes.
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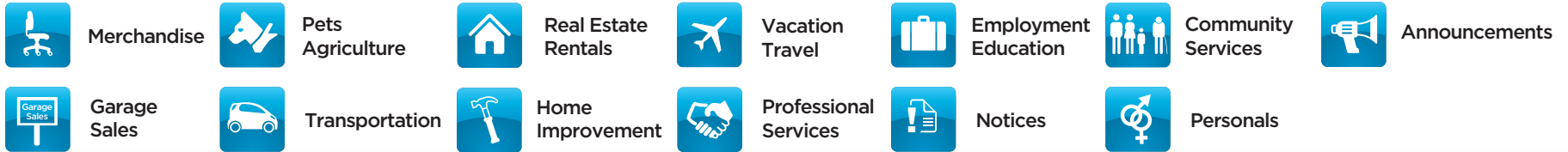
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Deaths

ALEXANDER, Robert (Bob) - Passed away suddenly at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Wednesday, January 26, 2011. At the age of 78. Beloved husband of Beverley. Dear father of Christine and her husband Richard Beauchamp of Kinmount. Loving grandpa of Janice and her husband Mark, Phillip and his wife Jenn, and great grandpa of Matthew, Zachary, Joshua and Alissa. Dear brother of Lottie Hainey, Wilfred, Leslie and predeceased by Bert, Mary and Jean. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME Ltd.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Friday, February 4, 2011 from 11:00 am until the time of the Memorial Service in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception will follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.
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Thank You Cards

I would like to extend many thanks to my wonderful family and friends for all the visits, phone calls and cards during my stay in the Peterborough Hospital. Thanks also to the wonderful staff at PRHC and the Minden Hospital. I am glad to be home.
Mary Cox

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We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those involved in anyway for caring for Maurice (Moe) McIlvenny during his long illness. Thanks for the visits, donations, flowers, food, cards, and phone calls. A special thanks to Dr. Scott Coles, Community Care Access Centre, Hospice, Karena Crofts and Derek Gartshore who were so faithful for a long time, Dr. Drohomysky, Dr. Bhatt and Rev. Max Ward for his visits and conducting the Memorial service. Thanks to the Gordon A Monk Funeral Home and the Minden 636 Legion for serving a delicious lunch.
Pat, Pamela, Stephen, Kathryn, Beverley, Barbara, Brenda, Lenna & Families

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In memoriam

In loving memory of **DALE CLIFFORD McKNIGHT** who passed away on Feb. 6 2009
Forever in my Heart Dearly Loved Son of Norma Maguire

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Denis Roy Arbour

April 7th 1982 - February 4th 2005

It is customary for family and friends to publish a memorial on the anniversary of the day a loved one died. I would much prefer to remember and have Denis remembered for all the special days that he lived.

Denis

From the day you were born and they put you in my arms to the last time we said goodbye I've held you in my heart

The laughter and the tears, the joys and the sorrows, the excitement and the wonder, the celebrations and the disappointments are all moments we shared during your far to short life that I will remember and treasure forever.

My darling grandson

I knew I was going to miss you, I just never could have imagined how much.

Love as always
Grandma Gilmour

Thank you St. Jude. God and the blessed Virgin Mary for answering my prayers.

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April 7, 1982-February 4, 2005

*Sometimes it's a scent, so familiar,
I can almost smell you.*

*Sometimes it's a song playing on the radio,
I can almost hear you.*

*Sometimes it's your picture I'm holding,
I can almost go back in time with you.*

*Sometimes it's your brothers smile or
a simple gesture that he makes.*

*Sometimes if I close my eyes at
those moments*

I feel like I can almost touch you...almost.

Love and deeply missed by

Mom, Dad and Daryl

Your spirit will live in our hearts forever.

Peace



BULLIVANT, Muriel (nee Prentice) - January 6, 1918 - January 26, 2011
Forever young at heart. Remembered with love and gratitude by son Frank (Shannon), daughter Kathryn (Jackie Wells), granddaughter Julie (Mark Kirkby), and great grandchildren Richard Bullivant and Emily Kirkby. Predeceased by her dear husband Frank (1998) and granddaughter Denise (1985). Devoted sister to the late Russell Prentice, Shirley Prentice, Lucille Greenwood, Bill Prentice, and Helen Fines. Loving Aunt Muriel to all her nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held in the early spring in London, Ontario. Memorial Donations to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.

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Deaths



BURKE, Michael - 1947-2011 - Passed away peacefully at Extendicare, Haliburton, Ontario on Monday, January 31, 2011. Son of Lottie and the late Michael Burke (1976). Michael was the husband of Pat for 40 years, father of Warren (Deedee), Dori, and Bryan. Grandfather to Roe. Brother to Barbara (Paul) and Carol Anne. Mike was in the education systems in Scarborough and Haliburton for 35 years. Mike was active in social action groups to promote children's services in our community. For years Mike shared his leadership skills with the BLCOA, HCSA, HATVA and the Chamber of Commerce. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Thursday, February 3, 2011 from 6:00 until 8:00 pm and on Friday, February 4, 2011 from 3:30 pm until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 4:30 pm. Cremation will follow. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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ROSENBERGER, Adam John Jr.

After a brief illness of pneumonia, Adam passed away in Ingoldsby Ontario on January 17th, 2011. Husband of Linda, father of Benjamin, Karen Gibeault and David. Grandfather of Jaslynne and Alysha Gibeault. Brother of Eve Abele (Martin), John (Joan). Brother in law of Elsa, Elnora, Henry and Roseline, Eileen and Don, Larry and Darlene and Wayne, and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Adam Sr. and Julia and his sister Barbara. Sadly missed by the family.

Cremation has taken place. The memorial service and interment will be held at a later date.

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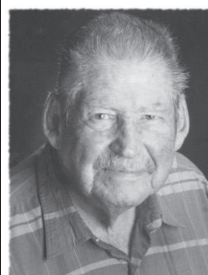
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Peacefully at his residence on Tuesday morning, January 25, 2011 in his 84th year with his family by his side. Beloved husband of Sandy (Sandra) Stevens (nee Alloway). Loving father of Robert (Amy) of Orillia, Rory (Laurie) of Sudbury and Gordon (Jessie) of Barrie. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Lauriann & Sarahlyn, Mark, Layla, Kiana, Cole & Kiegan. Predeceased by his parents James & Margaret Stevens.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends may call at the PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH 7553 Hwy. #35, Norland, Ontario on Wednesday morning, February 2, 2011 from 10 o'clock until time of Memorial Service at 11 o'clock. Interment later Pinegrove Cemetery, Norland. As expressions of sympathy donations to Pioneer Baptist Church or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **COBOCONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 6644, Hwy. #35, Cobocconk, Ontario (705)454-3913.

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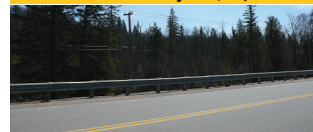
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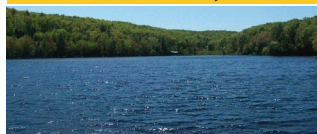
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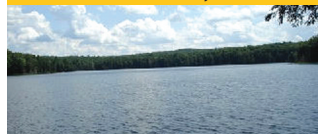
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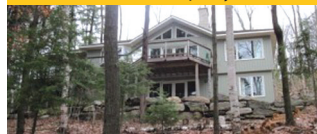
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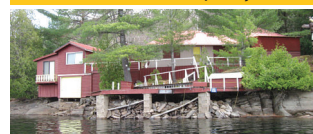
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